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1. The Director has agreed to have the  Board Meeting in Washington on Saturday, 25 May, and I have blocked out time on his calendar as well as General Cabell's.

2. Kirk advised that it is indefinite as to whether or not Jimmy Doolittle will come down on Friday, 15 February. In any case, when he does come we will meet with him in the East Building Conference Room.

3. At the Deputies' Meeting this morning we had a brief discussion of possible adjustments in the design of our building in order to get more square footage. While nothing definite was decided the Director indicated that he didn't want to go "all out" on austerity. H


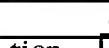
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4. Talked to  about the proposed Logistics-Finance Conference  in May and agreed with him that in view of the need to get the Financial Property Accountability System underway we should have a meeting. However, this is not to be billed as an annual affair.

5. I advised Norman Paul that the Director had requested that we hold the Clerk-Stenographer figures which Senator Byrd had asked for until we had made our general manpower presentation.

6. In view of the fact that there are two new members of the Civil Service Commission it has been suggested...and the Director has agreed...that we invite all three Commissioners to lunch sometime before too long.

7. General Cabell buzzed me and said that he had heard that the GEHA Board might be feeling its oats a little bit inasmuch as he had understood that at its last meeting it had voted to invite the Director of Personnel to be an Advisor to the Board. He thinks that this is most presumptive inasmuch as the Board should really be getting its Agency orders from the Director of Personnel. I agreed with him and later had a talk with  a member of the Board, from whom General Cabell had received his information.  had three points: (a) He felt that the Board, although made up of good people, was out of line in taking this action. He agreed with me that the Director of Personnel could not properly serve on the Board unless he was the Chairman and that it would be even better if he were not on the Board. This would leave him free to review and criticize the actions of the Board in his capacity as Director of Personnel; (b) He also said

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that [] was complaining constantly to the Board about his responsibility to it which he considered to be in conflict with his responsibility to the Director of Personnel. This also is bad and totally unnecessary; (c) His third point had to do with the \$53,000 which the Comptroller turned over to GEHA as a result of the special arrangement we have set up for coverage of people in extrahazardous duties. He said that the Board seemed a little "put out" that it had received [] 'which it had been promised.'" It was decided to invest in Government bonds that which was not needed immediately. However, [] questioned why the Board needed any money as long as it was understood that it could draw this amount from the Comptroller at any time it was needed. I will look into this.

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